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SHUMAN DEMANDS PAY NO MORE MONEY

**CALLS FOR COMPLETE AND EARLY
INVESTIGATION OF PUB-
LIC AFFAIRS**

The following communication from W. E. Shuman is printed as received from him. He takes the responsibility for the statements made and does not hesitate to sign his name.

North Platte, Nebr.
Dec. 14, 1922

To the Tribune:

"There is something rotten in Denmark."

Worse than that as far as we are concerned, there is something rotten in Lincoln county, and in North Platte.

It's time to investigate.

Our new court house is a scandal. Its simply awful.

Hardly a step taken in connection with it is legal.

Contracts have been let without lawful advertising or competitive bidding.

The peoples money has been spent without any regard to the requirements of the law.

Enough money was voted and raised to build a fine modern court house.

It is about all spent and we have only the outside of the building—just the walls, floors, roof and a heating plant. We are told it will take \$100,000.00 more to finish it.

How can an officer of a county, city, school district or village profit by any contract such officer makes? The law provides that no such officer can have any interest either direct or indirect, in any such contract.

That law has been violated frequently during the last two years by officers of the county, of the city of North Platte, and of other government subdivisions.

If the truth is found out, several people in North Platte will find that the climate of South America suits their health better.

The law also provides that where any contract is let by a county in violation of any of the provisions of law, no money shall be paid thereon and no judgement can be rendered therefor.

This applies to all contracts for the Court house.

As a tax-payer, I demand that not another dollar be paid out on the Court house until we have a complete auditing of the affairs of every county office connected with it.

Lets investigate. How shall we proceed? Shall we call a meeting of the taxpayers of the county and make arrangements for a complete audit of books, papers and accounts and go to the bottom of things?

WM. E. SHUMAN.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES BEGINS WORK OF RELIEVING POOR

The directors of the Associated Charities held a meeting this week and accepted the offer of two rooms upstairs over the Rexall Drug store as headquarters for the relief work. These rooms were offered free to the charities by Keith Neville. A secretary will be appointed in a short time and active work will begin in relieving distress among the worthy poor of the city. The recent cold weather has shown the need for this work and some relief has already been administered by the committee.

SENIOR HIGH PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION HOLD INTER- ESTING MEETING

The members of the senior high parent-teachers association held a very interesting meeting Wednesday afternoon in the Senior high school. A business meeting was held and the program was announced for the coming year with Mrs. Leon as chairman. The other members of the committee are Mrs. LeDoyt and Mr. Killian. It was planned to announce the program for each meeting one month in advance. After the business meeting a piano solo was rendered by Miss Ruth Duncan. A very interesting health talk was made by Supt. Braham followed by a talk by Miss Walter on "Debating in high school." Miss Walter is the newly appointed debating coach for the coming year. The program was closed with a discussion lead by Mr. Killian "Is it worth while to continue parent-teachers meetings in the Senior high school." There were thirty mothers present. The next meeting will be held January 10 with two topics for discussion, "How to Study" and the second semester courses.

Real Estate Mortgages bought and sold. T. C. Patterson.

Miss Zeta Donegan will arrive home this week from Omaha where she has been doing chautauqua work. She will visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Donegan.

Christmas stationery. Rincker Drug Co.

How would a Thermos Lunch Kit be as a suggestion for his Christmas Gift? Clinton & Son, Gifts that Last.

Our stock of Leather Gloves, for dress or street wear, lined and unlined is the most complete assortment we have ever shown. Prices \$1.00 to \$4.00. John B. Edwards Company.

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As the Tribune goes to press, news comes of a reduction in price on Hudson and Essex cars. Roy V. Buskirk local agent will tell about it in the next issue of the Tribune or you can see him personally at any time.

Framed Mottoes. Rincker Drug Co. Money to loan on farms. See Gene Crook.

SHORT STORIES OF PEOPLE AND THINGS

**ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT RE-
CENT HAPPENINGS IN THIS
COMMUNITY**

The dates for the exhibition to be given by the Platte Valley Poultry Association have been set for January 22-26. Competent judges from away have been secured and indications point to a good show.

The date for the opening of enrollment in the winter short course at Curtis School of Agriculture is January 10th. At that time enrollment for the regular second semester will also begin. Tribune readers who are interested in either of these courses should write Superintendent Chas. K. Morse, Curtis, Nebr., for further information.

The government wireless station here has been broadcasting the Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha market reports five times a day, sending them out in code so they could be taken up by wireless telegraph stations in this territory. It is planned to discontinue this service the last of the month if there is not some response to its request for information. The request is that anyone in this territory who is taking up these reports and who wishes them continued should write in and let it be known. If the broadcasting in code does not meet a need it will be discontinued.

A picture of the Midland college football team appeared in the Omaha World-Herald last Tuesday and of the eighteen men in the picture two were former North Platte high school stars. They were Everett Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Adams and Chas. Yost, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Yost both families being well-known to North Platte people. Midland college won the championship of the Association of Nebraska colleges. These young men are carrying on the training they received under Coach Neville and are making good as is shown by the fine record made by the Midland college team.

An assembly was held in the senior high school Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of arousing enthusiasm for the coming debate season. Miss Gibson the last years coach gave a very good talk followed by a short talk by Miss Walter the newly appointed coach for this year. The members of last years debating team were called upon and gave very interesting talks on the work done last year. After school a meeting was held for all those who are interested in debating and thirty students responded. A tryout for the team will be held some day in the near future at which the team for the year will

KIWANIS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR AT INTEREST- ING DINNER

The local Kiwanis club held an interesting meeting at the Vineyard, Wednesday noon and elected officers for the coming year as follows: W. E. Starr, president; F. L. Temple, vice-president; H. A. Brooks, treasurer; O. H. Thoelecke, district trustee; E. F. Seeburger, E. N. Ogier and E. V. Cooper, directors for two years. The secretary is elected by the directors. The election followed a spirited contest when a fake set of officers were elected by those who were in the scheme amid the charges of irregularities by those who were not wise to the program. Two readings were given by Miss Elder, W. V. Hoagland was in charge of the program.

MEDALS TO BE AWARDED FOR GRADES IN AMERICAN HISTORY

The following announcement has been made regarding the annual offering of medals by the local D. A. R. Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has again offered a medal to the boy or girl from a rural school in Lincoln County earning the best grade in the eighth grade county examination in history next spring. Another medal is given to the boy or girl from one of the town schools in Lincoln County earning the best grade in the same history examination.

In the past this contest has aroused much enthusiasm in the study of eighth grade history and it is hoped that even more pupils will take part in this contest this year than ever before.

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be chosen. Nine teams have joined the district debating league this year.

The Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees held a very interesting meeting Saturday afternoon, at which time Deputy Supreme Commander, Mrs. Kate Swan made her official visit and gave a very instructive talk. Annual election of officers was held with the following ladies as leaders for 1923.—Mrs. Jessie Mathieson, commander, Mrs. Emory Wolbach, lieutenant commander; Mrs. Sarah Murphy, past commander; Mrs. Mary Elder, junior commander; Mrs. Creta Lemon, record keeper; Mrs. Celia Lannin, sergeant; Mrs. Blanche Buchtel, mistress-at-arms; Mrs. Rose Owens, inside watch; Mrs. Mary Stenson, outside watch; Mrs. Magnolia K. Duke, captain of drill team. The state convention will be held in Grand Island, March 29th, 1923 to which time a general invitation is extended to all members to attend. The North Platte Review drill team has been asked to put on their fancy drill at the convention.

BOY SCOUT COUNCIL ELECTS OF- FICERS AT NOONDAY LUNCHEON

At a meeting of the district council of the Boy Scouts of America held at the Timmerman Vineyard, Wednesday noon the following officers were elected for the coming year—E. E. Carr, president; Wilson Tout, first vice-president in charge of publicity; Orville Johnson, second vice-president in charge of troop organization; Richmond Birge, third vice-president in charge of camping activities; Rev. Franklin Koch, fourth vice-president in charge of leadership training; Walter O'Connor, fifth vice-president in charge of civic service; Charles Temple, sixth vice-president in charge of the Court of Honor; Marshall Scott, seventh vice-president in charge of finances. Reports of the scout work done by the officers and committees during the past year were made and accepted. These reports showed substantial progress and a healthy condition at present in the scout work.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS BAS- KETS ANNOUNCES WORK PLANS

Mrs. Ollie Salisbury, chairman of the general committee of the North Platte Woman's club to look after the Christmas baskets for the worthy poor announced yesterday that the donations will be received at the library basement on Friday of next week. The baskets will be made up on Saturday morning and delivered during the afternoon. The first donation was by the Ideal Bakery which volunteered one hundred loaves of bread. About that number of baskets will be given out. Mrs. Salisbury will be glad to hear of any other free-will donations to this cause. Mrs. Fred Rector is chairman of the committee to secure names of families deserving of baskets and she asks that anyone knowing of such should send her the name and accurate city address.

Let us figure with you on a diamond for Xmas—Jewelry Gift Shop.

Just received a new shipment of piano rolls. Come in and hear them. Dixon Music Shop.

Mrs. Jack Carroll and children left this morning for Fremont where they will visit at the home of the former's mother Mrs. Winkelman.

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LOWE IS APPOINTED COUNTY CLERK

**A. S. ALLEN GAVE UP KEYS LAST
NIGHT FOLLOWING HIS
ARREST**

At a meeting of the county commissioners today, Theo. Lowe, county clerk elect, was formally appointed clerk to fill the unexpired term of A. S. Allen, who handed over his keys last night following his arrest on the charge of embezzling county funds. Mr. Lowe was expected to take office at once. The arrest of Mr. Allen followed the filing of charges by County Attorney J. T. Keefe charging him and Carl Goucher of Omaha with embezzlement. The complaint was written in the following words—"Arthur S. Allen and Carl Goucher on or about the 20th day of Nov. A. D., 1922, in the county aforesaid, Arthur S. Allen, being then and there duly elected, acting and qualified county clerk of Lincoln county, Nebraska and charged with the collection, receipt, safe keeping, transfer and disbursement of part of the public money belonging to Lincoln county did then and there fraudulently, unlawfully and feloniously convert to the use of Carl Goucher the sum of \$2,327.72 and him the said Carl Goucher then and there, being did then and there, unlawfully, willfully and feloniously advise and aid and participate in the fraudulent conversion of said public money by said Arthur S. Allen in the sum of \$2,327.72.

Upon receipt of the information against Mr. Allen, the commissioners at once employed A. B. Hoagland, an accountant of this city, to make a checking of the books of the clerk's office for the past five years. Mr. Hoagland is now at work. Mr. Goucher is the representative of the Omaha Printing Co. and has been a regular caller at the court house for some time. He was arrested last night. Both Mr. Allen and Mr. Goucher were taken before Judge Woodhurst, where they pleaded not guilty and their preliminary trial was set for Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Each was put under \$2,500 bonds which were furnished for Mr. Allen by F. R. Elliott and A. P. Kelly.

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E. R. Goodman
President

N. E. Buckley
Secy.—Treas.

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